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parties. In our country, decent men who try to keep their faith in the multiplication table and the Ten Commandments may two years hence be obliged to choose between some new tariff trickery of one great party and some new financial lunacy of the other.

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Thesaurus linguae Latinae epigraphicae. A Dictionary of the Latin Inscriptions. By GEORGE N. OLCOTT. Rome: Loescher & Co., 1908-9. Vol. I: Fascicles 11-15 (*Alim-Apis*). \$0.50 per fascicle.

The earlier fascicles of this publication have been reviewed in previous numbers of the *Classical Journal* (cf. I, 208; III, 292), and in those notices attention was called to the scope and importance of the work. This instalment is especially rich in words which have a bearing on political and military history. To this class belong, for instance, *Aniensis*, *annona*, *annus*, and *Antoninianus*. From the inscriptions grouped under *aniensis* it is clear that this tribe included communities as far removed from one another as Alexandria Troas in Asia and Caesaraugusta in Spain. Under *annona* we find the titles of the officials whose business it was to supply Italy with corn, while the article on *Antoninianus* brings together many interesting facts in the history of certain legions, cohorts, and *alae*. The place of honor belongs to *annus*, which covers 16 pages, and of peculiar interest in this article is the paragraph on the use of this word "in dates and eras." From the articles on *anima* and *animus* one could almost tell what the Roman conception of the state after death was.

To pass to a different topic, this *Thesaurus* is throwing a great deal of light on the correct pronunciation of certain words. These fascicles, for instance, bring us the *all*-combinations, and it is interesting to find without exception *alligo* and *alloquium*, but *adlevo* and *adloquor*.

The struggle which the common people had with the aspirate is pathetically set forth by *ampitheatrum*, *ampiteatrum*, *amphiteatrum*, and *anfitheatrum*. Still more significant of another vulgar tendency is the form *ampitzatru*, found on a cursing tablet. The reviewer has tested Professor Olcott's work by comparing corresponding rubrics in the *Thesaurus* and in Harrod's study, based on *CIL*, VI, of *Latin Terms of Endearment and of Family Relationship*, and the comparison establishes the fact that Professor Olcott's collections are very complete and accurate.

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